

Development (FINAL)

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A. Statement of Development Activity

The Kern River Ranger District requests funds to develop a Recreation Storage building facility at the Kernville Work Center. Funding is for contracting the construction phase of a building that will be used to store OHV motorcycles, Quads, trailers, snowmobiles and other associated OHV gear and equipment. The new storage building will be located at the Forest Service Work Center in the town of Kernville. The pre-engineered, modular metal building is already purchased and the material is being stored on site. Kern County purchased the building materials as part of a land exchange agreement between the County and U.S. Forest Service. Through the exchange, Kern County acquired title to several government properties including a Maintenance Yard and storage facility at Lake Isabella. In exchange, Kern County agreed to provide the Forest Service with a replacement storage building. Development work activities include grading the site using a Forest Service grader and backhoe, using a contractor to pour a cement slab, repave the asphalt road access to the building, erecting the 1800 square foot building, and installing electricity. Forest Service engineering staff will build a retaining wall to stabilize the excavated hill area on the east and south sides of the building. In addition, the project will utilize volunteers to help with outside landscaping and storage placement/inventory of OHV related equipment. Forestry techs will assist with site preparation by moving picnic tables, fire rings, and other recreation equipment from the site and dispose or relocate same. In addition, several old, unsightly and rodent infested storage trailers and other recreation equipment would be dismantled and removed along the south boundary of the work center. The storage building would also be used to store trail maintenance and supplies used by volunteer organizations that perform trail maintenance projects including Stewards of the Sequoia, Back County Horsemen, Bakersfield Trailblazers, Kern River Brewing Company, and Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The proposed project directly relates to OHV recreation by providing improved storage for winter over-snow vehicles, motorcycles, quads, trail machines, and related OHV equipment and safety gear. Currently this equipment is stored in several different locations. This project will enhance the OHV recreation program by providing a centralized facility to store and secure valuable OHV equipment for OHV recreation personnel and Law Enforcement. The project will provide approximately 1800 square feet of additional storage capacity. It would also provide a facility area to perform maintenance work on the stored equipment and provide added security for the equipment. Having the equipment stored inside will reduce weathering and exposure and ultimately will sustain the long term use of the equipment and reduce maintenance costs.

C. Size of the proposed development

The proposed recreation storage facility encompasses a .5 acre project area. It will be constructed at the Kernville Work Center located at the intersection of Sierra Way and Kernville Road in Kernville. The Work Center is a multi-discipline facility and provides work space and storage for fire, recreation, ecosystem, and other natural resource departments. It is located on government land. On-site there are facilities to accommodate two Forest Service fire engines, a Hotshot Crew, four government housing units, and several storage buildings and trailers. The District recreation building includes space for a sign shop, equipment, and some storage space. There are multiple parking spaces for government vehicles in front of this building. The Work Center compound is located on 11.2-acres and is an enclosed, fenced facility for added security. The proposed storage building would measure 30 feet by 60 feet and 20 feet high at the gable roof ridge line, and would be located immediately south of the current recreation shop west of Sierra Way. Three garage doors would face west away from Sierra Way. The project will provide approximately 1800 square feet of additional storage capacity for OHV recreation equipment, supplies, and materials.

D. Timeline for Project Completion

Attachments:

[Recreation Storage Building Development](#)

E. Location and Description of OHV Opportunities

The proposed project would be centrally located at the Forest Service Kernville Work Center. The development would be adjacent to an existing on site recreation building. The location of the Work Center is at the intersection of Sierra Way and Kernville Road in Kernville. The proposed development is necessary to provide additional storage capacity for OHV recreation equipment including motorcycles, Quads, trail machines, snowmobiles, and other OHV/OSV gear, supplies, and equipment such as chainsaws, hand tools, protective safety equipment, etc. The proposed project will improve loading and unloading motorcycles, snowmobiles, and Quads onto trailers.

Additional Documentation

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1. Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans

Attachments:

[OHV Storage Building Site](#)
[Conceptual Building Plan](#)

2. Land Tenure Certification

3. Project Specific Maps

Attachments:

[Project Area Location Map](#)
[Project Facilities Map](#)

4. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Sequoia National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Development (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-02-15-D01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>The Kern River Ranger District requests funds to develop a Recreation Storage building facility at the Kernville Work Center. Funding is for contracting the construction phase of a building that will be used to store OHV motorcycles, Quads, trailers, snowmobiles and other associated OHV gear and equipment. The new storage building will be located at the Forest Service Work Center in the town of Kernville. The pre-engineered, modular metal building is already purchased and the material is being stored on site. Kern County purchased the building materials as part of a land exchange agreement between the County and U.S. Forest Service. Through the exchange, Kern County agreed to provide the Forest Service with a replacement storage building. Development work activities include grading the site using a Forest Service grader and backhoe, using a contractor to pour a cement slab, repave the asphalt road access to the building, erecting the 1800 square foot building, and installing electricity. Forest Service engineering staff will build a retaining wall to stabilize the excavated hill area on the east and south sides of the building. In addition, the project will utilize volunteers to help with outside landscaping and storage placement/inventory of OHV related equipment. Forestry techs will assist with site preparation by moving picnic tables, fire rings, and other recreation equipment from the site and dispose or relocate same. In addition, several old, unsightly and rodent infested storage trailers and other recreation equipment would be dismantled and removed along the south boundary of the work center. The storage building would also be used to store trail maintenance and supplies used by volunteer organizations that perform trail maintenance projects including Stewards of the Sequoia, Back County Horsemen, Bakersfield Trailblazers, Kern River Brewing Company, and Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-Forest Engineer Notes : Forest Engineer GS-13	5.000	480.000	DAY	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
	Other-Landscape Architect Notes : Forest Landscape Architect, GS-11; review site plan, landscaping design review to ensure compatibility with Forest Service requirements.	10.000	350.000	DAY	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00

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	Other-Engineer Support Notes : Forest Facilities Engineer, Contracting Officer Representative, GS-12; facilities engineer to develop building construction contract package including building construction, grading, site preparation, and contract inspection/administration.	20.000	360.000	DAY	0.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
	Other-Contracting Officer Notes : Supervisor's Office, Contracting Officer GS-12; Contract preparation to advertise solicitation, evaluate bid proposals and award contract.	10.000	360.000	DAY	0.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
	Other-Recreation Manager Notes : Kern River, GS-11; District liaison to Supervisor's Office (Engineering & Contract Administration).	10.000	304.000	DAY	0.00	3,040.00	3,040.00
	Other-District Rec Officer Notes : Kern River, GS-9; Project Coordinator	10.000	295.000	DAY	0.00	2,950.00	2,950.00
	Other-Asst Rec Officer Notes : Kern River - for operating backhoe and kubota	10.000	270.000	DAY	0.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
	Other-Forestry Techs Notes : Kern River - (6) GS-5's; site prep work includes clear & remove on-site materials (picnic tables, campfire rings, etc.) and disposal.	6.000	640.000	DAY	0.00	3,840.00	3,840.00
	Other-Engineer - Roads Notes : Supervisor's Office, WG 10; on-site grading work & construct retaining wall.	10.000	261.000	DAY	0.00	2,610.00	2,610.00
	Other-Asst Rec Officer Notes : Kern River - GS 7; organize OHV equipment and relocate to new facility.	5.000	270.000	DAY	0.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
	Total for Staff				0.00	33,190.00	33,190.00
2	Contracts						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Construction Development Notes : Recreation Storage Building Contract: grading, concrete slab, erection of building and electrical. Cost based on quote from private construction contractor.	1.000	100000.000	EA	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Concrete Block Notes : Concrete blocks for retaining wall	400.000	5.000	EA	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Other-Rebar Notes : Rebar for retaining wall	400.000	2.000	FT	800.00	0.00	800.00
	Other-Concrete Notes : Retaining wall	3.000	240.000	YD	720.00	0.00	720.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				3,520.00	0.00	3,520.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-Vehicle Notes : Forest Engineer, Vehicle # 5952	5000.000	0.290	MI	0.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
	Other-Vehicle Notes : SO Engineering, Roads Vehicle #	5000.000	0.360	MI	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
	Other-Backhoe Loader Notes : Forest Service backhoe loader	100.000	34.430	HRS	0.00	3,443.00	3,443.00
	Other-Grader Notes : Forest Service grader for on-site site prep work	100.000	24.360	HRS	0.00	2,436.00	2,436.00
	Other-Dump Truck Notes : Forest Service Dump Truck for on-site debris removal work.	100.000	0.950	MI	0.00	95.00	95.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				0.00	9,224.00	9,224.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
7	Indirect Costs						
Total Program Expenses					103,520.00	42,414.00	145,934.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					103,520.00	42,414.00	145,934.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					103,520.00	42,414.00	145,934.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	0.00	33,190.00	33,190.00	
2	Contracts	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	3,520.00	0.00	3,520.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	9,224.00	9,224.00	Backhoe Loader, Grader, and Dump Truck are owned by Forest Service; costs associated with their use are set by federal government.
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses		103,520.00	42,414.00	145,934.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		103,520.00	42,414.00	145,934.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

There are no known wetlands, navigable waters, and sensitive habitats and species (including threatened and endangered species).

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

No existing or potential cumulative impact to natural resources as all proposed actions are focused on erection of a recreation storage facility at a developed administrative site. There is no existing or potential cumulative impact of this project or others that have been conducted in the same place over several years.

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

There are no steep slopes, highly erodeable soils, or other unusual circumstances associated with the proposed project. Therefore, there is no possibility that the proposed activities will have a significant effect on the environment including substandard soil erosion or the loss of topsoil.

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

None of the project area are within the view shed of a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. Travel to and from the site is transitory across the landscape.

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

The proposed project area has been surveyed for historical and cultural resources. The activities proposed will not adversely change the significance of historical and/or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

The proposed project does not have the potential to cause indirect significant impacts, either by causing user groups to go elsewhere, causing significant impacts off-site, or significantly increase use in the vicinity of the Project site.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Decision Memo Recreation Storage Installation](#)

Evaluation Criteria

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1 Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2 Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2a., 2b., & 2c.

2. Natural and Cultural Resources

- a. Natural and Cultural Resources: Species 5

Enter the number of special-status species that are known to occur in the Project Area

Number of special-status species 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species occur in Project Area (5 points)
☐ One to five special-status species occur in Project area (3 points)
☐ Six to ten special-status species in Project area (2 points)
☐ More than ten special-status species occur in Project area (No points)

b. Habitat

- b. Natural and Cultural Resources: Habitat 5

Potential Effects on special-status species habitat (Check the one most appropriate)

Special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project Area (if YES, enter number of species).. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Habitat for special-status species known to occur in Project Area (enter number of species)

Reference Document

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project area (5 points)
☐ Habitat for one to five special-status species is known to occur in Project area (3 points)
☐ Habitat for six to ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (2 points)
☐ Habitat for more than ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (No points)

c. Cultural Resources

- c. Cultural Resources 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Project would provide additional protection to cultural sites (5 points)
- ☒ Project area has no known cultural sites (4 points)
- ☐ Identified cultural sites in the Project area will not be affected (3 points)
- ☐ Project impacts to cultural sites will be mitigated (No points)
- ☐ Project has unavoidable detrimental impacts to cultural resources (No points, Project application will be returned to Applicant without further consideration)

Reference Document

Archaeological Reconnaissance Report, Kernville Work Center Recreation Storage Building development

3 Diversified Use - Q 3.

3. The Project is designed to provide for diversified OHV use 5

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATV | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4X4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M.C. | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile | <input type="checkbox"/> Dune buggy, rail |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) [OHV Trailers] | |

Describe the nature of the facilities for each item checked above:

The proposed project would be designed to provide for diversified OHV use by providing for a much needed centralized and secure storage facility for storing ATVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, motorcycle and snowmobile trailers, recreation trail maintenance tools and supplies, and other related OSV equipment and safety gear used by recreation OHV staff, law enforcement, and volunteers.

4 Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 4.

4. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan that supports the need for the Project? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

Decision Memo, Recreation Storage Building

5 Recycled Materials - Q 5.

5. The Project makes substantial use of recycled content building materials such as 5

- Materials diverted from landfills
- Recycled plastic lumber
- Fly ash content concrete

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Use of local native material and "green" building products (with recycled content) would be an element of this project.

6 Sustainable Technologies - Q 6.

6. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as: 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment

- Repaving with permeable asphalt
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Practices that meet U.S. Green Building Council LEED Silver standard
- Water efficient landscaping
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Utilizing local building materials

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

The project would include water efficient landscaping and low volatile organic compound emission materials.

7 Sustain Existing OHV Recreation - Q 7.

7. The Project is designed to sustain existing OHV Recreation 2

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ Project directly improves or sustains existing OHV Opportunity (3 points)

☒ Project improves support facilities associated with existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

☐ Project involves construction of a facility associated with new OHV Opportunity (No points)

8 Motorized Access - Q 8.

8. The Project improves facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 4

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☐ Camping

☐ Birding

☒ Hiking

☒ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☐ Rock Climbing

☐ Other (Specify)

9 Public Input - Q 9.

9. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

☐ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)

☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)

☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The project was part of a land exchange between the Forest Service and Kern County Parks & Recreation Department. The project was discussed in conference calls with several community members during the scoping period for the development of the environmental analysis and discussed with stakeholders in informational public meetings.

10 Utilization of Partnerships - Q 10.

10. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points) ☐ 1 (1 point)
☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Stewards of the Sequoia, Backcountry Horsemen, Bakersfield Trailblazers, Southern Fat Tire Association, and Kern River Brewing Company.

11 Primary Funding Source - Q 11.

11. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Applicant's operational budget (5 points)
☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)
☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)
☐ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

Explain checked statement

Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the development of the storage facility will be provided by the Applicant's (US Forest Service, Sequoia National Forest) operational budget. The Recreation staff receives funding for the Recreation, Wildlife & Heritage program. In addition, the Ranger District receives some funding for facility maintenance and operations. The proposed project will be developed/located on federal land.

12 Offsite Impacts - Q 12.

12. Offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff) have been addressed: 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Off-site impacts relative to the Project Area were addressed in the development of the Recreation Storage Building Installation Decision Memo. Paving activity would reduce existing PM10 and PM2.5 levels at the site and adjoining areas and would have a net benefit to the area over the "no project" condition.

13 Riparian/Wetland Issues - Q 13.

13. Does the Project Area contain Riparian/Wetland issues? 10

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (10 points) ☐ Yes (if yes - respond to item below)

The Project utilizes the following techniques to prevent damage to, or restore Riparian/Wetland areas

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Re-routes to divert trails away from Riparian/Wetlands areas (2 points)
☐ Well documented evaluation and monitoring strategies (list reference document) (2 points)
☐ Provide bridges instead of wet crossings (2 points)
☐ Provide sanitary facilities (2 points)
☐ Restrict public vehicular access in Riparian/Wetland areas by placing physical barriers (e.g., gates, fences, bollard, boulders) (2 points)

Reference Document